

Docket No.: 8733.1452.00
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Appn of:	AIZAWA, Masanobu	Customer No.:	30827
Application No.:	10/550,739	Art Unit:	TBA
Filed:	September 26, 2005	Examiner:	TBA
For:	METHOD FOR LIGHTING FLAT FLUORESCENT LAMP	Confirmation No.	8332

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

Sir:

In response to the "Notification Of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)" with a mail date of August 25, 2006, Applicant herein submits copies of the following documents demonstrating that the signed declaration for this application was filed with the USPTO on July 14, 2006, prior to receipt of the August 25, 2006 Notice:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter dated March 22, 2007;
- ☒ Submission of Declaration attaching the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney previously filed with the USPTO on July 14, 2006, along with the returned postcard, dated-stamped (same date) by the USPTO; and
- ☒ Notification Of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated August 25, 2006.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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Applicant believes that no fee is due with this Submission. However, if these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911, Order No. 8733.1452. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0911, Order No. 8733.1452. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Dated: March 22, 2007

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LETTER

Sir:

Please note that the attached document entitled "Submission of Declaration" is a file copy, originally signed by the attorney of record, of the document that was originally filed with the USPTO on July 14, 2006, in the above-identified matter.

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SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith an executed Declaration in connection with the above-identified application.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Documents Filed:

Transmittal Form (1 page)

Submission of Declaration : (1 page)

Executed Declaration (2 pages)

Recordation Cover Sheet (1 page)

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/26/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 09/26/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/26/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/26/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/26/2005
- Specification filed on 09/26/2005
- Claims filed on 09/26/2005
- Drawings filed on 09/26/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5).

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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